

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/28/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 9-16.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☒ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

a. The French, Swedish and WIPO Patents submitted with the response of 2/28/07 were listed on the enclosed form PTO-892 in order to make them properly of record.

b. On page 3, line 11, "space" was inserted after "rectangular" ("the rectangular of the carabiner" was not clear).

c. In the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 16 as amended 2/28/07, in line 8 of the paragraph "having" was changed to: --has--, in order to form a complete sentence.

d. In the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 30 as amended 2/28/07, in line 1 of the paragraph, "Disadvantages" was changed to: --disadvantages--.

e. In the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 30 as amended 2/28/07, in line 2 of the paragraph, "being" was changed to: --is--, in order to form a complete sentence.

f. In the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 30 as amended 2/28/07, in line 5 of the paragraph, "for let" was changed to: --prevent--, as "for let" is not clear and "prevent" was apparently what was meant.

g. In the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 9 as amended 2/28/07, in line 3 of the paragraph, --with the turnable having an--, was inserted before "elongated bush" in order to clarify the disclosure.

h. In the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 15 as amended 2/28/07, in line 16, "5" was deleted.

i. In the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 15 as amended 2/28/07, in line 17, after "snap construction" was inserted, --(i.e., a springy over a hook)--, in order to provide antecedent basis for language in the claims.

j. In the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 15 as amended 2/28/07, in line 17, "(not indicated)" was changed to, --as well as a round wire through a bore (shown schematically in Figure 4). The locking mechanism is one of stainless steel and

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material with strength quality and plastic, possibly polypropylene.--, in order to antecedent basis and drawing support for claimed material.

k. In claim 9, line 3, "the user" was changed to, --a user--, in order eliminate issues of antecedent basis.

l. In claim 9, line 12, "the actual supporting seat belt is fixed through the rectangular of the carabiner" was changed to, --an actual supporting seat belt is fixed through the carabiner" in order to eliminate issues of antecedent basis for the seat belt and the rectangular of the carabiner (also, "the rectangular of the carabiner" did not make sense).

m. In claim 9, lines 14-15 "the locking mechanism" was changed to, --a locking mechanism of the carabiner--, in order to provide clear antecedent basis for the locking mechanism in the claim.

n. In claim 11, lines 3-4 "the at least one central rectangular opening is applied for the carabiner and" was deleted in order to eliminate redundancy (the opening is recited earlier in the claims).

o. In claim 12, line 3, after "carabiner" was inserted, --,the turnable comprising an--, in order to clarify that the elongated bush is the turnable.

p. In claim 15, line 2 "material with strength quality" was changed to, --rigid material--.

q. In claim 16, line 2, "the adjustable seat belt guide" was changed to, --the turnable--, as the outer surface recited in claim 12 from which claim 16 depends is the outer surface of the turnable, not the guide.

r. On page 6, line 12, after "the cover 8" was inserted: --and/or the lock 11--, in order to provide antecedent support in the specification for the recitation of claim 16.

2. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner: In Figure 4 of the replacement drawings, the hatching on lock 11 will be deleted, as lock 11 in Figure 4 is now a schematic showing of the hook, wire, etc. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric Culbreth whose telephone number is 571/272-6668. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 9:00-6:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul Dickson can be reached on 571/272-6669. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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REPLACEMENT SHEET

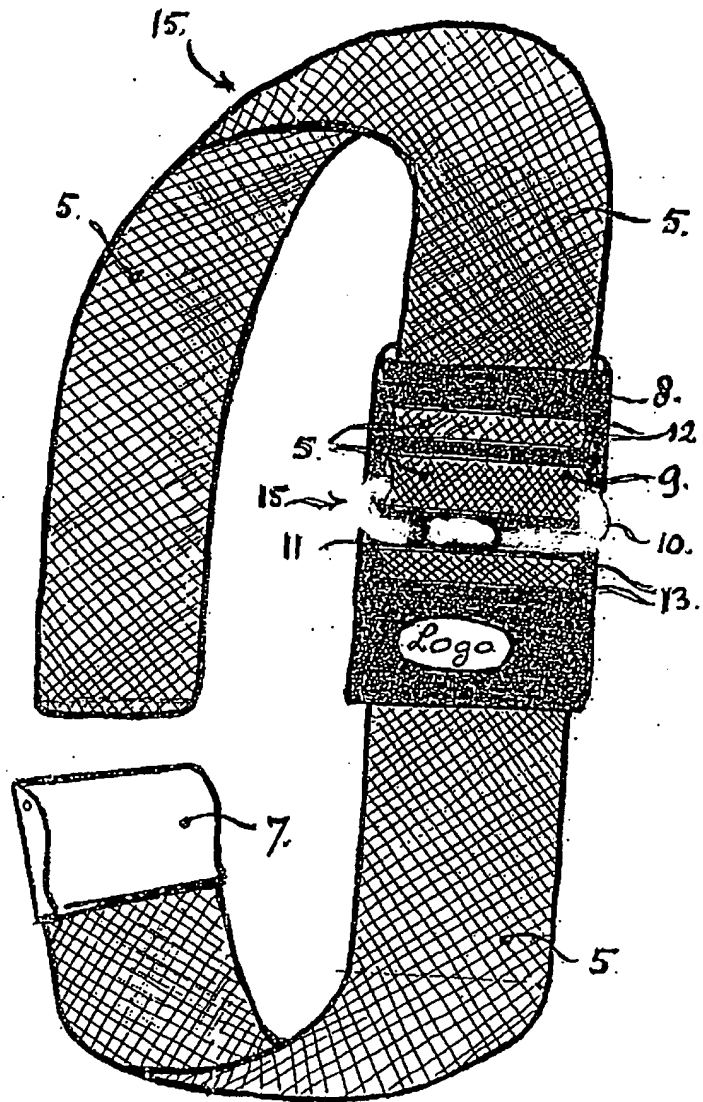


FIG. 4.

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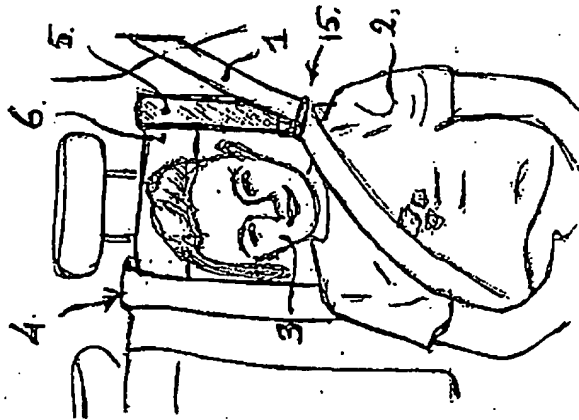


FIG. 2.

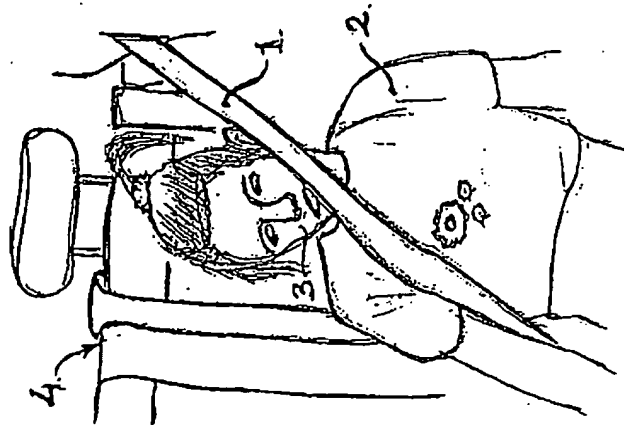


FIG. 1.

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